Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state's All Women Count! Program has screened more than 7,000 South Dakota women to detect breast and cervical cancer when it is in its earliest, most treatable stages; and,

Whereas, The state's All Women Count! Chronic Disease Screening Program has provided blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol screening, and counseling services to more than 1,300 South Dakota women; and,

Whereas, Fifty-five percent of all the callers to the South Dakota Quit Line are women who want to stop smoking; and,

Whereas, Women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that should be addressed in their own right; and,

Whereas, Keeping women healthy and safe, and promoting awareness of women's health issues depends on partnerships with social, health, and other services; and,

Whereas, South Dakota women can promote health and prevent disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health; and,

Whereas, Women's health remains a priority for South Dakota's families, communities, and government; and,

Whereas, National Women's Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 2004, as

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage communities to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State